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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending all courtesies during the telephonic conference of September 4th, 2008, and for indicating that dependent Claims 43-45 and 48-50 recite patentable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 41, 46, 51 and 53 over Nykerk in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, Voss, or Leen et al., and further in view of Hwang '407, Hwang '697, and Issa et al., and separately over Boreham in view of Nykerk, and further in view of Hwang '407, Hwang '697, and Issa et al. Applicant has amended independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art.

More specifically, Applicant has amended independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53, as helpfully suggested by the Examiner during the telephonic interview, to recite "a two-zone shock sensor to interface with the vehicle data communications bus extending throughout the vehicle and carrying data and address information for generating a pre-warning signal based upon a sensed low threat level condition and an alarm signal based upon a sensed high threat level condition." Applicant submits that the prior art references fail to disclose or fairly suggest these claimed features. Moreover, as discussed during the telephonic conference, Applicant has submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith.

Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art

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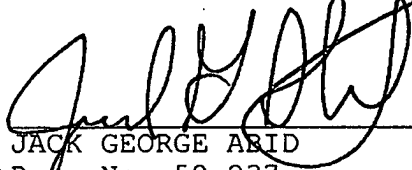
and require no further discussion herein.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments provided herein, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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